

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-03022-JEB**

CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN  
WASHINGTON v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Assigned to: Judge James E. Boasberg  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 12/20/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
12/20/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5851553) filed by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Department of Commerce, # <u>3</u> Summons Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Attorney)(Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 12/20/2018)
12/20/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 12/20/2018)
12/21/2018		Case Assigned to Judge James E. Boasberg. (zsb) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
12/21/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsb) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
01/31/2019	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE served on 1/29/2019, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 1/28/19., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 1/7/2019. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 2/6/2019.) (Sus, Nikhel)

		(Entered: 01/31/2019)
02/06/2019	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Marina Utgoff Braswell on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 02/06/2019)
02/06/2019	<u>6</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 02/06/2019)
02/06/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS that Defendant's Unopposed <u>6</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File is GRANTED and that it shall file its Answer or other response to the Complaint by February 27, 2019. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 2/6/2019. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 02/06/2019)
02/06/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 2/27/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 02/06/2019)
02/27/2019	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.(Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 02/27/2019)
02/28/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS that the parties shall confer and submit a joint proposed briefing schedule by March 14, 2019. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 2/28/2019. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 02/28/2019)
02/28/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 3/14/2019. (znbn) (Entered: 02/28/2019)
03/14/2019	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 03/14/2019)
03/14/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file another Joint Status Report on or before April 10, 2019. Signed by Judge James E. Boasberg on 3/14/2019. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 03/14/2019)
03/14/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/10/2019. (znbn) (Entered: 03/15/2019)
04/10/2019	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 04/10/2019)
04/11/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that the following schedule shall govern future proceedings: 1) Defendant shall file its motion for summary judgment by May 23, 2019; 2) Plaintiff shall file its opposition and cross-motion for summary judgment by June 27, 2019; 3) Defendant shall file its reply and opposition to the cross-motion by August 1, 2019; and 4) Plaintiff shall file its reply in support of its cross-motion by August 22, 2019. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 4/11/2019. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 04/11/2019)
04/11/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Summary Judgment motions due by 5/23/2019. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 6/27/2019. Cross Motions due by 6/27/2019. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 8/1/2019. Response to Cross Motions due by 8/1/2019. Reply to Cross Motions due by 8/22/2019. (znbn) (Entered: 04/12/2019)